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LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS GIVES MARKEY PERFECT 100% ENVIRONMENTAL SCORE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Yesterday, the League of Conservation Voters, the national environmental movement's leading umbrella organization devoted to educating citizens about the environmental voting records of federally elected officials, gave Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA) a perfect pro-environmental score for the first session of the 108th Congress. Rep. Markey was 1 of 41 members of the House of Representatives and 1 of 3 Massachusetts members to receive a 100% score. The average House score was 46%.

"Congressman Markey's exceptional LCV score proves that he consistently puts the interest of Boston-area families in a clean and healthy environment over corporate interests," said Betsy Loyless, LCV Vice President for Policy. "As a member of the Energy & Commerce and Resources Committees, he has been one of the most outspoken advocates for protecting the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling and a strong leader on efforts to raise fuel economy standards for cars and trucks."

"I am honored to receive this rating from the League of Conservation Voters, which represents the political voice for more than nine million members of environmental and conservation organizations around the country," said Rep. Markey. "My voting record on environmental issues reflects my strong commitment to protecting public health, maintaining the environment and preserving America's public lands."

"In my eight years as president of the League of Conservation Voters and throughout the league's 34-year history as a whole, our congressional scorecard has stood out as our signature document, the one all-encompassing source of information on the environmental voting records of individual representatives," Deb Callahan, President of LCV wrote in the report. "This year we at LCV believe the sheer weight and volume of anti-environmental measures coming out of Washington make this exhaustive examination more important than ever."

The 2003 National Environmental Scorecard rates Members of the House on 19 House votes pertaining to environmental health and safety protection, resource conservation and spending on environmental programs. Two of the scored votes were amendments to the Energy bill that Rep. Markey sponsored. The first amendment would have required the Department of Transportation to reduce the amount of oil consumed by US vehicles by 5% by 2010. The second amendment would have stripped the language opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling out of the bill.